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(Amended) The rack of claim 1 [2] in which said clamp members each comprise a first member of substantially U-shaped cross section, and a second member of substantially S-shaped cross section, said first and second members being secured together.

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(Amended) The rack of claim 1 [2] in which hanger wires are positioned below the wires of the second array, parallel to the wires of the first array, each said hanger wire being secured to a plurality of said clamp members, each end of the hanger wire defining a transversely extending wire portion terminating in a hanger hook, to permit hanging from a site above the rack.

Please add the following claims.

11. A rack which comprises at least one wire mesh panel comprising a first array of parallel wires and a second array of parallel wires, the wires of the first and second arrays being in transverse, angular relation and being bonded to each other at least at a substantial number of wire crossing points, said panel defining opposed parallel side edges which are substantially defined by first individual wires of said first array, and third wires respectively bonded to said panel and positioned parallel and adjacent to said first individual wires of the first array, said third wires being spaced from said first individual wires by crossing wires of the second array, further in which a hanger wire is positioned below the wires of the second array, said hanger wire extending substantially from edge to edge of the adjacent wire mesh panel, each end of the hanger wire defining a transversely extending wire portion terminating in a hanger hook, to permit hanging from a site above the rack.

12. The rack of claim 11 in which a plurality of said wire mesh panels are connected along said opposed, parallel side edges by a plurality of clamp members, which respectively enclose said first individual wires of the first array and the adjacent third wires, in which said clamp members each

comprise a first member of substantially U-shaped cross section, and a second member of substantially S-shaped cross section, said first and second members being secured together.

13. The rack of claim 12 in which each said S-shaped member defines a trough which receives said hanger wire in a position below said wires of the second array and parallel to the wires of the first array.

14. The rack of claim 11 in which said wires of the first and second array are substantially perpendicular to each other.

15. The rack of claim 1 in which said wires of the first and second array are substantially perpendicular to each other.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the claims are clearly supported by the disclosure of this application. Claim 1 has been amended by the inclusion of the subject matter of claim 2. Claim 11 represents a combination of claims 1 and 7. It is believed to be clear that the newly added claims are fully supported herein by the original disclosure.

In the office action, only claim 1 was rejected on a prior art basis. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

The attention of the examiner is directed to the fact that in response to the Information Disclosure Statement of December 7, 2000, the examiner returned a form PTO 1449 of the cited prior art, but only one of the two references was initialed, indicating that the examiner had considered the reference. Both references were submitted by applicant's attorney in the Information Disclosure Statement.